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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Joseph T. Sandgren, DOB 09/24/73, of Luck, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 46 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Sandgren previously pleaded guilty to the charge on May 24, 2006.

On September 30, 2005, Sandgren purchased a 12 gauge shotgun from the Pawn Gallery, Inc., in Luck, Wisconsin. When Sandgren filled out a firearm form to purchase the shotgun, he gave a false first name, "Richard," and failed to disclose his prior felony record. On October 10, 2005, Polk County sheriff's deputies, along with agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, uncovered the false statements. Sandgren was the actual purchaser of the firearm and he had prior felony convictions for arson and delivery of methamphetamine in Polk County.

The charge against Sandgren was the result of an investigation conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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